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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 December 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-24 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Godefroid et al. (6,697,840) (hereinafter Godefroid).

4. As per claim 1, Godefroid teaches in a computer network including a server computer system network connectable to at least a plurality of clients computer systems for which the server computer system maintains presence information, a method of exercising fine grain control of access to the presence information, the method comprising the following:

An act of the server computer system receiving a request from a client computer system including an instruction to change an access permission status for at least a subset of the plurality of client computer systems, the access permission corresponding to one of the plurality of access permission types to the presence information (e.g. col. 6, lines 53-67);

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An act of the server computer system setting at least an entry in a data field in response to the request, the entry representing the changed access permission status (e.g. col. 6, lines 53-67); and an act of the server computer system determining whether or not to allow access to the presence information based on the entry in the data field (e.g. col. 6, lines 60-67).

5. As per claim 7, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
6. As per claim 8, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
7. As per claim 9, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
8. As per claim 14, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
9. As per claim 15, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
10. As per claim 22, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
11. As per claim 2, Godefroid teaches the method wherein the instruction to change an access permission comprises an instruction affecting permission to view accurate presence information (e.g. col. 4, lines 5-10).
12. As per claim 10, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
13. As per claim 16, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
14. As per claim 3, Godefroid teaches the method wherein the instruction to change an access permission comprises an instruction affecting permission to view any presence information (e.g. col. 3, lines 13-21).
15. As per claim 11, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.
16. As per claim 17, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

17. As per claim 4, Godefroid teaches the method wherein the instruction to change an access permission comprises an instruction to restrict the ability to act on presence information (e.g. col. 3, lines 35-40).

18. As per claim 12, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

19. As per claim 18, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

20. As per claim 5, Godefroid teaches the method wherein the instruction to restrict the ability to act on presence information comprises an instruction to prohibit sending messages to a computer system that corresponds to the presence information (e.g. Figure 2, blocks 211 and 216).

21. As per claim 13, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

22. As per claim 19, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

23. As per claim 6, Godefroid teaches the method wherein the data field comprises access permission fields in a database, wherein the database comprises the following for each of the plurality of client computer systems:

An identifier field that identifies the client computer system (e.g. col. 7, lines 45-60);

A presence information field that represents the actual availability of the client computer system (e.g. col. 7, lines 45-60);

A first access permission field that contains an access permission of a first access permission type when the client computer system requests access to the presence information (e.g. col. 7, lines 62-67);

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A second access permission field that contains an access permission of a second access permission type when the client computer system requests access to the presence information (e.g. col. 7, lines 62-67); and

A manufactured presence information field to display to the client computer system if the client computer system has permission to view presence information, but does not have permission to view accurate presence information (e.g. col. 8, lines 1-8).

24. As per claim 20, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

25. As per claim 21, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

26. As per claim 23, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

27. As per claim 24, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

Conclusion

28. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US Application Publication US2002/0035594 to DREKE et al.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Farhood Moslehi whose telephone number is 703-305-8646. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on 703-305-8498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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